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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN VIEW OF RUSSIAN-CUBAN ACTIVITY IN HORN,  
ANGOLA

1. DURING MARCH 2 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, ACTING DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION PETER POLANGYO BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. USSR, POLANGYO SAID, HAD DEMONSTRATED "BEAUTIFUL" TIMING AND CONSIDERABLE SHEWDNESS IN INVOLVING ITSELF IN ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA. SOVIET ENTRY CAME AFTER SOUTH AFRICANS WELL INTO ANGOLA. "ALL AFRICA WILL BE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THAT." SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA, BELEAGUERED BY SOMALIA'S INVASION OF ITS TERRITORY, WAS NO LESS WELCOME.

2. POLANGYO VOLUNTEERED VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS A LIMIT TO DESIREABLE SOVIET (AND CUBAN) INVOLVEMENT. IN ETHIOPIA, THE LIMIT WOULD BE REACHED WHEN THE SOMALI INVASION WAS OVER. THEN THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WOULD HAVE TO GO. IF THEY STAYED ON IN

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FORCE THEN TANZANIA WOULD BE "VERY CONCERNED." THE SAME WAS NO LESS TRUE OF ANGOLA. ONCE NETO HAD PATCHED UP RELATIONS ADEQUATELY WITH ZAIRE AND ONCE NAMIBIA WAS SATISFACTORILY SETTLED, NETO WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT HIS COUNTRY TOGETHER. THEN THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WOULD HAVE TO GO. POLANGIO ASSURED EMBOFF TANGOV'S

POSITION WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH SOVIETS AND CUBANS.  
POLANGYO HOWEVER SEEMED DOUBTFUL THAT TANGOV HAD INFORMED  
SOVIETS  
AND CUBANS DIRECTLY OF TANGOV VIEW AS HE HAD JUST DESCRIBED IT.

3. COMMENT. POLANGYO HAS BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN EVOLUTION  
OF TANGOV POLICY ON THE HORN AND SHOULD BE EQUALLY FAMILIAR  
WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S THINKIN ON ANGOLA. WE REPORT HIS REMARKS  
FOR WHATEVER THEY ARE WORTH. POLANGYO'S REMARKS TAKE TANGOV  
POSITION ON SOVIET-CUBAN ROLE IN HORN ONE STEP FURTHER THAN WE  
HAVE HEARD BEFORE BY CALLING FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL ONCE SOMALIA'S  
WITHDRAWN FROM OGADEN.

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